

MILWAUKIE PILOT

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A Message to the Community from City Council

It's been more than nine weeks since the City of Milwaukie declared an emergency for our community. Life is hard for nearly everyone right now. We're all living in a stressful, unpredictable time and trying to deal with situations we're unfamiliar with. Despite this, we've seen many examples within our community of people going out of their way to help each other or lift someone's spirits. From our community driven "Hidden Hearts" campaign, to community members looking for ways to support the houseless community in securing hand washing stations, it shows up every day in hundreds of ways. As City Councilors and fellow Milwaukians, we couldn't be prouder. Our community is much stronger because of these selfless, heartwarming actions.

City Council and staff continue to focus on providing uninterrupted services while finding targeted ways to help those in the community who are most in need. Although offices are closed to the public right now, the city continues to work diligently behind the scenes.

Governor Brown has acknowledged that thanks to the sacrifices of millions of Oregonians in complying with stay-at-home orders we have collectively prevented as many as 70,000 COVID-19 infections and 1,500 hospitalizations across the state. Together, we now have the opportunity to begin rebuilding a safe and strong Oregon. In Milwaukie, that rebuilding will be done as it has always been done (albeit at a six-foot distance), neighbor with neighbor, business by business, one step in front of the next.

Each of us is appreciative of each of you. Thank you for caring about one another and for having such grace. Together, we will persevere, and we will be a stronger Milwaukie through this experience.

To read the complete letter from City Council, as well as find more information about community resources during the coronavirus pandemic, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/covid19.



Council Corner: We Are All in This Together



Councilor Lisa Batey

I write this article on the eve of Clackamas County “reopening,” as all of us—businesses and individuals—try to grapple with how to get back into some semblance of life in the community, without undue risk. How to work, how to support local businesses, and yet stay safe. It boggles the mind that some people see mask-wearing as a political act. I don’t see it as a political act, but rather an act of caring, compassion, solidarity—and self-preservation, too. We ARE all in this together.

Studies and experience in Japan, Hong Kong and elsewhere show that if 80% of people wore masks when out and about, the infection rates would drop to a trickle. The Atlantic published an article several weeks ago on how masking up allows us to take some control over the spread of the virus even when testing and contact tracing remain inadequate. See www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2020/04/dont-wear-mask-yourself/610336/

The city has been moving forward into the new normal – we’ve been using Zoom online meetings and all city buildings have been closed to the public since mid-March. But that is starting to change, slowly. City Council will be considering both the two-years-in-the-making Comprehensive Plan and the biennial budget this month, and the plan is for live meetings at City Hall, supplemented by Zoom participation. Neighborhood associations also started reconvening using Zoom in recent weeks. These online tools are not ideal, but they seem to work pretty well as a way to move work forward while keeping individuals healthy at home.

Large community events will not be possible for several months, but the much-loved Milwaukie Farmers Market is back, in a modified format, and an increasing number of Milwaukie eateries are open for carryout business. Milwaukie Bay Park and other parks have been important destinations for people needing to get out for fresh air and exercise.

As you venture out, please wear a mask whenever indoors, as well as in outdoor venues where a number of people are present. There are all kinds of masks, from simple to elaborate, but you don’t need to buy a fancy mask. The Centers for Disease Control has some easy ones here you can make from things you probably already have. Visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html for more information. Simply masking your nose and mouth is an easy way to be out and about working, supporting economic recovery of our businesses, or reconnecting with friends. The more people mask up, the smoother reopening will go, pure and simple.

If you can, please also support the less fortunate in our community. You may have your own favorite local causes, but here are a few suggestions: Bob’s Red Mill is matching donations to the Meals on Wheels Program until the end of June. Visit www.NCPRD.com/meals-on-wheels for more information. NW Housing Alternatives helps people in our community stay in their homes, as well as operating the Annie Ross House to serve homeless families. Visit <https://nwhousing.org/donate> for more information. Finally, the Wichita Center has a food pantry for families in need in the North Clackamas School District, and is seeking both cash and food contributions. More information can be found at www.facebook.com/wichitacenter.

Create Your Own Continuity of Operations Plan

What is a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)? How does it differ from an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)? A COOP allows a business or household to continue operating under extreme conditions at a basic level of service. An EOP is the response plan when an emergency occurs. Knowing that the possibility of a second or even third wave of coronavirus illnesses is likely to occur, how can you, your family or business prepare now?

A tier system is widely used in disaster response recovery using red, yellow and green respectively. Planning from a best-case scenario to a worst-case scenario, from food to medical supplies, is SMART planning—Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely. There have been plenty of examples in the last month that can be used to create your own COOP plan. What if I can’t buy toilet paper? What happens when we run out of food? What options do I have to receive my prescriptions? These questions can be answered in a family/business COOP plan. This activity should also capture emergency contacts, both in for your family and in your neighborhood. Studies continually prove that when families/individuals are connected and prepared, the all around impact of the disaster is lessened. It’s easy to make this important task a fun activity for everyone with games—think Pictionary! Get prepared and stay prepared! For more information, visit www.fema.gov.

Summer Events Canceled Including Carefree Sunday



In consideration of residents and visitors to the community during the coronavirus pandemic, the city is postponing all upcoming summer events, including Carefree Sunday. Other events supported by the city are also canceled, including neighborhood summer concerts and 9K

for K9 Walk. This decision follows Governor Brown's recent announcements, as well as public health guidelines issued by the Oregon Health Authority, noting that large gatherings are prohibited through September due to continued concerns related to the spread of virus. At this time, residents are also encouraged to refrain from backyard burning and limit the use of fireworks due to the health impacts of COVID-19, a serious respiratory virus.

The city is committed to following the directives set forth by the governor and is proactively working to find alternative ways to encourage community togetherness. City staff are currently exploring possible ways community members can celebrate summer events while complying with state guidelines. The city is hopeful, given the success of stay-at-home measures, that the timing for fall and winter holiday events will align with the ability to come together again as a community.

For more updates and more information about city events, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/events.

Milwaukie Farmers Market Open With Modifications

The Milwaukie Farmers Market is now open, but with a number of modifications in place. For the full COVID-19 operations plan, visit www.milwaukiefarmersmarket.com.



Summary of modifications:

- Masks are required for vendors and market staff.
- Allowing a minimum of three feet between booths by reducing the number of booths by one third.
- Prioritizing vendors who sell food and food-related items, and planting materials.
- Not offering space at the market for music, civic or nonprofit organizations, Young Entrepreneurs, face painting, balloon art, massage, and other services.
- Enforcing social distancing through market and vendor social distancing officers.
- Prepared food will be sold, but cannot be eaten on site.
- No samples offered.
- Market tokens are not being sold. Tokens from previous years are accepted. EBT tokens are still issued and accepted.
- Some vendors are offering online preordering through What's Good (www.sourcewhatsgood.com). Select Milwaukie Farmers Market as the pick-up location, then pick up the items at the vendor's booth.

For anyone attending the farmers market:

- Please wear a face covering.
- Limit the size of your shopping group.
- Do not attend if you feel ill or were in contact with someone who is ill, per CDC guidelines.
- Keep six feet between yourself, other shoppers and vendors.
- Shop with your eyes, not your hands.
- Shop solo or with one other person.
- Shop efficiently - plan to get in and out of the market in a timely manner.
- Keep hands clean with gloves, washing or sanitizer.
- No pets, except service animals.

Bulky Waste Collection Postponed

The bulky waste collection days originally scheduled for June each year within Milwaukie city limits has been canceled due to COVID-19 and the precautions needed for the health and safety of those involved. The city and waste haulers are currently discussing possible alternatives to the event.

Any updates will be posted on the city's website at www.milwaukieoregon.gov/bulkywaste and in future issues of The Pilot newsletter. The city appreciates the community's understanding during these unique times.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The city is currently looking for volunteers to serve on the Audit Committee, Citizens Utility Advisory Board, Kellogg Good Neighbor Committee, Planning Commission Public Safety Advisory Committee and Tree Board. The city is also searching for youth volunteers (14-18 years old) to join a variety of boards and committees. If you're interested in these unique volunteer opportunities, or volunteering in general, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/volunteering or www.milwaukieoregon.gov/bc.

City's Business Relief Fund Provides 47 Grants



Through the Business Relief Fund, 47 local businesses were recently awarded grants to help provide support for working capital expenses (payroll, lease or commercial mortgage payments, etc.) to offset impacts by the coronavirus pandemic.

"Small businesses in Milwaukie are doing what they can to survive in these challenging times," said Mayor Mark Gamba. "Our hope is that these grants, in some small measure, will help ease their burden."

The city received more than 100 applications from businesses requesting more than \$500,000 in assistance. Because the community need far outweighed the resources available, businesses were required to meet minimum eligibility standards, and awards were prioritized to businesses who were directly impacted by the governor's orders and who are statistically at the most economic risk. Approved businesses received assistance ranging from \$1,500 to \$4,000 and included 45% to business owners of color, 79% to women-owned businesses, 6% to veteran-owned businesses, and 96% to those who have ten employees or less.

This fund is helping fill the gap in businesses losses where state and federal support cannot. Fifty-nine percent of the businesses receiving grants reported that the grants will go towards payroll and rent. The coronavirus pandemic has had a significant impact on Milwaukie's business community and while this fund has relieved some of this impact, the city will continue to work creatively to support Milwaukie's economic prosperity.

Lake Road Improvement Project Moves to Fall 2020

The city has recently chosen to adjust the timeframe for the Lake Road improvement. The project will now go out for construction bidding in mid to late summer of this year, and with construction occurring from fall 2020 to summer 2021. The adjustment was made to keep one of the original goals of the project in place—repaving and widening Lake Road with pervious pavement for both motorists and cyclists.

To learn more about the Lake Road improvement project, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/engineering/lake-road.

Guide to Firework Safety

The Oregon State Fire Marshal encourages the community to practice the four "bes" to help protect yourselves, friends and family from fireworks-related damage and injuries.



BE Prepared:

- Store fireworks out of children's reach.
- Always read and follow label directions.
- Place pets indoors; they're easily frightened by fireworks.
- Always have water handy (a garden hose or bucket of water).

BE Safe:

- An adult should always light fireworks.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- Only use fireworks outdoors.
- Only light one firework at a time and quickly move away.
- Keep children and pets away from fireworks.
- Do not throw fireworks or hold them.

BE Responsible:

- Soak used fireworks thoroughly in a bucket of water.
- Dispose of used fireworks and debris properly.
- Never relight "dud" fireworks.

BE Aware:

- Use only legal fireworks and in legal places.
- Fireworks are prohibited at beaches, state parks, and state and federal forest lands.

For more information on fireworks safety, contact the Clackamas Fire Marshal's Office at 503.742.2660.



Join the Ledding Library for Summer Reading

On June 1, the summer reading program begins at the Ledding Library. With public safety in mind, the library has found a new way to distribute the reading log. Inside this issue of the newsletter is a reading log for kids and teens, and another reading log for adults to track summer reading to turn in later this summer for prizes. Families are welcome to share a log or print off more copies from the library website. Better yet – readers can make their own! For the first time, the library is inviting the community to make their own reading logs to turn in for the same prizes! Library staff can't wait to see the results!

Check the library website this summer for weekly online activities as well, including at-home scavenger hunts, building challenges and art projects. From June 15-30, join the virtual LEGO Club by watching Blair Archer's video on the library's website or Facebook page. And remember, community members can check out e-books and e-audiobooks for free using a library card. Don't have a card? Sign up for an eCard at www.lincc.org.

Contact the library with questions at ledding@milwaukieoregon.gov or leddingkids@milwaukieoregon.gov. For more information, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/library. Happy reading!

Speed Limit Reduced on Linwood Avenue



Last month, the speed limit on SE Linwood Avenue was reduced from 35 to 30 MPH from Harmony Road to Johnson Creek Boulevard. As one segment of this stretch of road is maintained by the city and the other by Clackamas

County, the two organizations partnered together for this change. The reduction request was initiated by the county and approved by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) after it conducted a speed analysis on Linwood Avenue. Advance warning signs and temporary flags have been posted to help drivers get accustomed to the new speed limit. For more information, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/engineering/linwood-avenue-safe-routes-school-srts, or contact Steve Adams, city engineer, at adamss@milwaukieoregon.gov.

Information About 2020 City Elections

The candidate information packet for the 2020 general election scheduled for Nov. 3 is now available online for Positions 1 and 3 on Milwaukie City Council. The candidate filing window is July 27 through Aug. 25.

For the candidate information packet and more details, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/elections. For questions, contact the city elections officer at ocr@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7502.

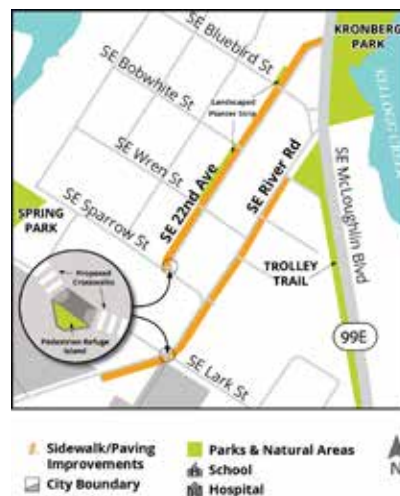
22nd Avenue & River Road SAFE Project Update

Design for the Safe Access for Everyone (SAFE) project at SE 22nd Avenue and River Road is nearly complete, which will improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. New sidewalks will be added to the public right-of-way on the west side of 22nd Avenue, as well as the east side of River Road. Clear markings will also be painted in the bike lanes.

The new sidewalks will connect to nearby regional trails, such as the Trolley Trail and Kronberg Multi-Use Path. Two new pedestrian refuge islands with painted crosswalks will be constructed for pedestrian safety and the roadway will be repaved to extend the lifespan of the roads.

In addition, new landscaped planter strips will be added at two locations to slow rainwater runoff and filter pollutants before they enter stormwater catch basins. No trees will be removed as part of this project, but approximately four new trees will be added to the planter strips.

A construction start date has not yet been set, but work should be complete by the end of 2021. For more information, visit www.milwaukiesafe.org or contact info@milwaukiesafe.org for questions or to receive email updates.



◆◆ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS ◆◆

LINWOOD

The Linwood Neighborhood District Association (NDA) has elected not to meet these past couple months to figure out how the neighborhood will help build community in a time that limits its ability to come together. Neighbors are still working on planning events for the summer. There is great opportunity to support local businesses in the area by solicitation or volunteering. The recent changes everyone is experiencing forces the community to think about its local services and how everyone can continue to be supported and served. If you need help, Linwood encourages you to visit the Wichita Center's website at www.nclack.k12.or.us/wichita to look into ongoing community outreach. For those who have extra resources, this is a time of need for many and a great opportunity to look into local agencies and organizations that help support those in need. Connecting with community members through the neighborhood's Facebook page or coming to an NDA meeting for guidance could accelerate the ability for the neighborhood to come together and help each other. Opportunities such as sharing vegetable starts/seeds, volunteering extra land to those that are willing to grow food for others, or being offering general maintenance services are all helpful options. Everyone has skills to offer others and, sometimes, neighbors can't manage alone. If you'd like to connect with the community, but unsure where to go, check in with the Linwood NDA by contacting linwoodzp@gmail.com.

NEXT MEETING THU, JUN 11 • 7 PM
ZOOM • WWW.MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Zac Perry • linwoodzp@gmail.com

ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK

NEXT MEETING MON, JUN 22 • 6:30 PM
ZOOM • WWW.MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Matt Rinker • mattrinker@hotmail.com

LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING WED, JUN 10 • 6:30 PM
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CHAIR: Stephan Lashbrook • drampa82@gmail.com

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

The last several weeks, moments that will someday be history, have been tough. Rising above the uncertainty and isolation is a wave of creativity and new, broader sense of community. Ironically, social distancing is giving us the freedom to greet those walking on the opposite side of the street, often engaging in short conversations and finding common ground with those we meet at six feet.



Neighbors in Historic Milwaukie have created an amazing number of short-term art projects, whether they be chalk drawings inspiring viewers until the next rain (left), or flower blossoms carefully arranged just to say you are loved (above).

Yet another demonstration of creativity and community can be experienced in the area near SE 28th Avenue and Monroe Street. Set an alarm for 7 p.m. for the nightly demonstration of support and appreciation for front line workers. Who knew so many decibels could be created by one man with a water jug, a few pieces of gravel, and a leftover noise maker from Duffy's New Years' Eve celebration? Feeling adventurous check out Saturdays at 6 p.m. just north of 31st Avenue and Madison Street where neighbors are meeting to catch up from a distance.

And, please continue to support local businesses in whatever way you feel comfortable and safe.

Finally, some NDA's have begun holding meetings online. Please let the chair of Historic Milwaukie know your thoughts and what support you can provide, if you're interested.

NEXT MEETING TO BE DETERMINED
LIBBIE'S RESTAURANT • 11056 SE MAIN ST
CHAIR: Ray Bryan • ray1bryan2@gmail.com



ISLAND STATION

As summer begins, COVID-19 continues to be prevalent. Keeping an eye on family and neighbors will continue to be essential. With the warm weather, it is expected that more people will visit parks and open spaces. Please be sure to follow park rules, use social distancing guidelines (like keeping at least a Great Blue Heron wingspan from non-household members) and wearing masks, as they are vital to health and mutual enjoyment of these spaces. Please stay on the trails and respect the environmental gems that are Milwaukie's parks.

While COVID-19 is significant, it is also important to maintain emergency awareness. Natural events, such as floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and other human-made events, are possible at any time. Please take this opportunity to revise emergency plans, keeping viral concerns in mind. For example, include extra face masks and hand sanitizer in go-bags. Also, visit Clackamas Fire's website for more details at www.clackamasfire.com/divisions/emergency-management-and-disaster-preparedness.

The city's website has information on neighborhood meetings and other events. Island Station is meeting through Zoom until further notice. As always, feel free to contact the Island Station vice-chair with any questions or concerns.

NEXT MEETING WED, JUN 17 • 6:30 PM
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VICE CHAIR: Charles Bird • charlesbird@juno.com

HECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING MON, JUN 8 • 6:30 PM
ZOOM • WWW.MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: David Aschenbrenner • 2dasch@gmail.com



**Milwaukie
Community
Gardens**

There is nothing like a fresh-off-the-vine tomato! If you would like to grow your own produce, contact Lisa with Milwaukie Community Gardens at milwaukiecommunitygardens@gmail.com or 503.358.3421 to inquire about garden plot availability. For more information, please visit www.milwaukiecommunitygardens.com.

LAKE ROAD

Many events throughout the city have been canceled due to the COVID19 pandemic. The Lake Road Neighborhood District Association (NDA) encourages everyone to continue social distancing in an effort to slow the spread of the virus.

The Lake Road NDA is taking a summer hiatus from June through August. Events, such as officer elections, are postponed until next fall, and the next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, Sep. 9 at Milwaukie Floral and Garden, 3306 SE Lake Rd.

There is also a change of date regarding the Lake Road improvement project. Originally, construction was to begin in mid-May. However, an adjustment to the timeline was announced by the city staff and construction will now occur in fall 2020 with a targeted completion in summer 2021. For questions about the project, check out the project page at www.milwaukieoregon.gov/engineering/lake-road.

NEXT MEETING WED, SEP 9 • 6:30 PM
MILWAUKIE FLORAL • 3306 SE LAKE RD
CHAIR: Vince Alvarez • lakeroadnda@yahoo.com

Neighborhoods Begin Virtual Meetings

Some of the city's seven Neighborhood District Associations (NDAs) have begun meeting through Zoom. This provides the ability to join meetings online or phone, rather than meeting in-person. Please keep in mind, some NDAs may choose not to meet in during the summer months. Be sure to check the city's events calendar at www.milwaukieoregon.gov for the latest NDA meeting schedule.

NDAs also typically hold their annual elections in May to elect their leadership team. Elections will be postponed until the fall, but that doesn't mean neighbors can't get more involved in the meantime. Reach out to NDA chairs to talk to them about their most current needs for volunteers—they are always looking for more people to join their efforts.

For more information about NDAs, contact Jason Wachs at wachs@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7568.



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JUNE 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	Due to state guidelines related to COVID-19, many activities are canceled or postponed. Please check the events calendar on the city website for the most up-to-date information.			

STAY UP TO DATE
see the full calendar at
milwaukieoregon.gov

MCH - Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main St.

PSB - Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison St.

JCB - Public Works Bldg., 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd.

MC - Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.

LED - Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Ave.

PND - Library Pond House, 2215 SE Harrison St.